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SUBJECT: INFCE: IAEA LETTER TO WG CO-CHAIRMEN ON FUEL

CYCLE CALCULATIONS

- 1. FOLLOWING IS QUOTE OF LETTER, SKJOLDEBRAND TO WG CO-CHAIRMEN PER ABOVE SUBJECT. COPIES AIRMAILED TODAY TO GIAMBUSSO
- "PURSUANT TO THE DISCUSSION AT THE INFCE TCC
 MEETING 12-14 JUNE, CONCERNING THE SERVICES AND
 COMPUTATIONAL FACILITIES OFFERED BY THE AGENCY FOR USE
 BY INFCE WORKING GROUPS, WE ARE PLEASED TO PROVIDE YOU
 WITH THE ENCLOSED COPY OF INFCE/WG.1.10, WHICH GIVES
 A BRIEF OVERALL OUTLINE OF THE COMPUTATIONAL CAPABILITY
 CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED BY THE AGENCY. AS YOU WILL
 NOTE IN SECTION 1.4, THIS DEVELOPMENT EFFORT IS EXPECTED
 TO RESULT IN A FULLY OPERATIONAL COMPUTER MODEL OF THE
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FUEL CYCLE BY THE END OF OCTOBER THIS YEAR. THE AGENCY MODEL WOULD BE USEFUL IN REFINING THE ANALYSIS OF DEMANDS FOR NUCLEAR FUELS AND FUEL CYCLE SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS SCENARIOS AND FUEL CYCLE STRATEGIES (INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE REACTOR TYPES) SELECTED FOR PRESENTATION IN THE WORKING GROUP REPORTS.

- "DURING THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND INITIAL TESTING OF THE AGENCY COMPUTER MODEL, WE WILL NEED TO HAVE AVAILABLE REALISTIC CHARACTERISTIC DATA FOR THE VARIOUS REACTOR TYPES. IN THE INTERIM PERIOD UNTIL INFCE WORKING GROUPS 1, 2, 5 AND 8 HAVE FINALIZED REACTOR CHARACTERISTICS, WE PLAN TO USE THE REACTOR MODELS PRESENTED IN THE NEA "YELLOW REPORT". (THE RELEVANT TABLES ARE ATTACHED). YOUR COMMENTS ON THE VALIDITY OF THOSE DATA WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
- "WE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH EXPERTS AVAILABLE TO YOUR WORKING GROUP REGARDING THE STRUCTURE OF THE AGENCY MODEL, THE PARAMETERS TO BE USED AND THE DESIRED OUTPUT. UP TO THE TESTING PHASE, IT WOULD BE RELATIVELY SIMPLE TO INTRODUCE SPECIFIC FEATURES WHICH WOULD MAKE THE MODEL MORE USEFUL TO THE INFCE STUDIES AS DESIRED BY EACH WORKING GROUP.
- "ALSO, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A RANGE OF COMPARATIVE CALCULATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF CROSS-CHECKING AND VERIFICATION OF THE AGENCY MODEL RESULTS. WE WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH COMPARATIVE CALCULATIONS, USING CODES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF YOUR WORKING GROUPS AND TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. UNCLASSIFIED

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- "AS THE AGENCY MODEL APPROACHED THE FINAL TESTING PHASE, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO CONVENE A SMALL MEETING OF EXPERT REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED WORKING GROUPS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE AGENCY WORK AND ASSESSING ITS APPLICATION TO THE INFCE TASKS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO SUCH A MEETING. A POSSIBLE DATE FOR A MEETING COULD BE IN THE WEEK 4-8 SEPTEMBER.
- IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD CONTACT MR.
 L.L. BENNETT OF THE DIVISION OF NUCLEAR POWER AND
 REACTORS, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
 COMPUTER MODEL, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO GIVE
 YOUR COMMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS."
- 2. IN VIEW OF EFFORT REQUIRED TO MAKE COMPUTER MODEL OPERATIONAL, MISSION RECOMMENDS PROMPT REPLY TO AGENCY REQUEST AND CONTINUED HIGH LEVEL OF U.S. SUPPORT. LEAHY

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